



Annual Christmas Market on Main Street scheduled for Saturday, December 3

November 22, 2016

Yorktown announces the 11th **Annual Yorktown Christmas Market on Main Street**, scheduled for Saturday, December 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.!

Located on historic Main Street, the Christmas Market features arts and crafts vendors with unique shopping opportunities, exhibits, strolling musical entertainment, food offerings, roasted chestnuts, living history, antique cars, live Alpacas, and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Historic buildings and museums, including the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, Yorktown Battlefield, the York County Historical Museum, Custom House, Watermen's Museum, and Museum on Main will be open and decorated for the holidays.

The **Town Crier** will ring in the market at 10 a.m., followed by a performance of **The Fifes & Drums of York Town** to officially open the market.

Santa Claus will greet folks along Main Street from 10 to 11 a.m. and again from 1 to 2 p.m. Strolling entertainment begins on Main Street at 10:30 a.m. with the **Dickens Trio**, an instrumental and caroling ensemble dressed in period costume. **The Santabones** trombone quartet will follow at 12:15 p.m. performing a selection of holiday arrangements with brass instruments. Look for Santa Claus at Riverwalk Landing from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Living history will be an ongoing theme at the market on December 3. The **Watermen's Museum** will offer interactive programs from the sailors of the 1700s between Read and Nelson Streets.

The Peninsula Model Train Club joins us again this year with its display of model trains in the lower level of York Hall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. York County's earliest original fire truck, a 1955 Dodge, will be on display at the corner of Main and Nelson Streets, as well as several antique cars along historic Main Street.

There will be no shortage of shopping and dining opportunities during the market. Crafters will line the streets with holiday arts and crafts for sale, including a wide variety of items ranging from: Christmas greens, wreaths, and arrangements; jewelry, woodwork, candles, bamboo pillows, painted glassware; pet accessories, birdhouses, coastal art, alpaca products, handmade soaps & lotions; photography, pottery, gift baskets, and, of course, Christmas ornaments.

Food will be abundant and guests will have the option of sampling select menu items from the historic Yorktown dining establishments and market vendors including **Water Street Grille, Creekside Catering, Chef K, Kathi's Clam Chowder, and Nothing Bundt Cakes**. A selection of seasonal treats will be available from market vendors including: roasted chestnuts, clam chowder, cookies, jams and jellies, donuts, bread, seafood, peanuts, hot pepper sauce, cupcakes, seasonings, spice blends, dips, candy, pies, chocolate fudge, kettle corn, confections, crepes, and pies.

Black Dog Gallery will be decorated and offering holiday decorations, frames, and cookies. **The Gallery at York Hall** hosts the "Christmas in Yorktown" exhibit featuring the Senior Center of York, as well as local artist Mark Shields' pewter Christmas ornaments. **On the Hill Gallery** will feature live entertainment by Rich Follett, who will serenade folks with Christmas songs during the day to get you in the holiday spirit. Enjoy the free light refreshments.

Nancy Thomas Gallery offers a free angel pin with any purchase and 15% off selected items. Come find holiday gifts and advent calendars at **Grace Church Parish Book & Gift Shop** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Redcoat Antiques** will be open during the Market on Main Street event.

Free transportation will be available for the Christmas Market. The Yorktown trolley will run its normal route stopping at several locations throughout town. Trolley hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors may park in any public parking area throughout historic Yorktown. Handicapped parking is located on the lower level of the Riverwalk Landing parking terrace, York Hall, the National Park Service Visitor Center, and in limited quantities at all other public parking areas. The trolley is handicapped accessible.

No rain date is scheduled for the Christmas Market on Main Street. Should severe weather pose a threat to the event, please call the event weather hotline for the most current information at (757) 890-3520. For directions to Yorktown and a more detailed schedule of events for the holiday season, call (757) 890-3500 or visit www.visitryorktown.org.

The Christmas market is co-sponsored by Village Events and the York County.



